

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, October 4, 2010 7 p.m.**

**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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OPEN FORUM

Lou Valanzola-40 Payson Ave-LNR agreement

Mr. Valanzola discussed the original negotiations between the town and LNR. He felt once Town Meeting approved the airbase reuse plan, leverage was lost.

Police Chief Llewellyn-New Massachusetts Texting Law

Reminded everyone the new texting law is in effect and people should be aware the new law prohibits any cell phone use by drivers under 18. Texting is not allowed at all while driving.

1. Open Session Minutes of September 20, 2010

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes of September 20, 2010

MOTION to table by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Water Commissioners response

In response to an invitation to meet with the Rockland BOS, the joint Abington- Rockland Water Commissioners invited the BOS to meet with them of October 19 at 6:30pm.

4. LNR Agreement Amendment proposal

The BOS continued its review and discussion of the proposal by LNR to amend the original host agreement for payments to the Town of Rockland. The BOS also reviewed options available, and wish to have a letter sent to LNR. Selectman Johnson and Town Counsel Clifford will draft a response to LNR.

MOTION by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to have Mr. Johnson and Town Counsel Clifford draft a response to LNR.

5. Fire Chief search Committee Report

The BOS received a report from the Fire Chief Search Committee. The Search Committee recommended current Fire Chief Scott Duffey be the finalist and permanently appointed. The Board also wished to thank the Committee for their efforts during the search process.

MOTION to accept the report by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

6. Fire Chief Interview

Chief Duffey addressed the BOS regarding his interview, the report of the screening committee, and his desire to serve as Chief. Mr. Kimball reviewed the process involved in recommending Chief Duffy. The BOS interviewed and questioned Chief Duffey at length. The BOS each asked questions and requested information from Chief Duffey.

MOTION by Mr. Kimball, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to appoint Scott Duffy permanent Fire Chief subject to negotiation with the BOS passed 5-0.

7. Investment Policy

The final version of Investment Policy was reviewed after being discussed at a number of previous meetings.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Minahan 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

8. Union Street sidewalk update

Mr. Chiocca updated the BOS regarding the Union Street sidewalk project, including progress to date, tree donations, bike racks, benches and utility pole removal. He stated the contractor is well aware of the need to prepare for the annual Stroll.

9. Town Administrator's Contract

The BOS discussed the process of reviewing TA Chiocca's performance and evaluation by each BOS member and Department Heads. The BOS also discussed the salary comparisons of Town Administrators in surrounding Plymouth County communities and noted Rockland was below average on the salary scale.

Mr. Chiocca thanked the Board members for their support.

MOTION to approve the new contract for Mr. Chiocca by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. CDBG Grant application planning

Wayne Darragh of Communities Opportunities Group spoke to the BOS regarding the Community Block Grant application process. There are a few changes in the process this year including an earlier filing deadline. The BOS discussed priorities to apply for in the FY11 request.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~The Board was informed of the resignation of Heidi Hosmer from the Board of Assessors, Energy Committee, Charter Maintenance and Community Block Grant Advisory Board

MOTION to accept with regret by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0

~Informed BOS the McKinley School elevator repair is nearly complete

~Announced the Tri-Town Veteran's Day Parade is in Whitman this year and anyone wishing to participate may contact Anton Materna.

~Rail Trail clearance project is making great progress and should be completed by December.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Kimball

- ~Congratulated the Rockland High School Football team for their win over Mashpee and their 4-0 season start.
- ~Congratulated newly appointed Fire Chief Scott Duffy
- ~Ground breaking for new school project Oct 19, 2010

Mr. Minahan

- ~ Felt he had said enough so no additional comments

Mr. Johnson

- ~Enjoyed the Day of Soccer events.
- ~Concerned with young teenagers hanging around certain businesses discouraging customers.
- ~Enjoyed the fundraiser for the "Obie" Fund at the Banner.
- ~Thanked the Police Dept for their work Saturday at Soccer events

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Enjoyed the 35 Years of Soccer events.
- ~Thanked the Lions Club and everyone for their support of the OBie Fund at the Banner.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Congratulated the Rockland Youth Soccer on 35 years of existence.
- ~Happy contract negotiations came to a successful conclusion as the Administrator has done an outstanding job for Rockland.
- ~Would like to have the Elevator project completed so the Teen Center can reopen.
- ~Mentioned the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the School Building project on Tuesday October 19, 2010 at 3PM.
- ~Continued to invite attendance at School Building Committee meetings.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION for negotiations with union and non union personnel.

MOTION to go into Executive Session not to reconvene by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Meeting ended at 9:15PM

**Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator**

**Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman
for Rockland Board of Selectmen**

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